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NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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1. THE OUTLINE OF COUNTRY STUDIES SUGGESTED REFTEL WOULD COVER ALL RELEVANT ASPECTS OF MALI'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. RECENT EMBASSY REPORTING, ESPECIALLY OUR ANSWERS TO THE MULTILATERAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOST GOVERNMENT (REF B) AND OUR PARA DRAFT (REF A), SHOULD PROVIDE THE DATA THE OUTLINE REQUIRES.

2. HISTORICAL NOTE. MALI HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NON--ALIGNED MOVEMENT SINCE ITS INCEPTION, A FACT OF WHICH MALIANS ARE INORDINATELY PROUD. MALI'S LEADERS WOULD PROBABLY CONSIDER MALI'S SEAT ON THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE A NATURAL RIGHT, GIVEN MALI'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO NON-ALIGNED CAUSES. ALTHOUGH MALI'S PRESENT LEADERSHIP HAS A LOWER PROFILE IN NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS THAN DID FORMER PRESIDENT (AND NON-ALIGNED FOUNDING FATHER) MODIBO KEITA, MALI IS NO LESS COMMITTED TO NON-ALIGNED PRINCIPLES.

3. PERIPHERAL ISSUES. MALI'S NON-ALIGNED COMMITMENT MAY POSE PROBLEMS FOR U.S. INTERESTS EVEN IN AREAS WHERE MALI'S NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE PERIPHERAL. ON THE PUERTO RICAN
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ISSUE, FOR EXAMPLE, PRESIDENT TRAORE HAS ASSURED US THAT

MALI WILL NOT TAKE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD POISON MALIAN--
AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SECRETARY GENERAL HEDGED, HOWEVER, NOTING THAT MALI COULD
FIND ITSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT
TO WITHDRAW FROM POSITIONS ALREADY TAKEN. THUS, MALI'S DESIRE
TO MAINTAIN ITS STATUS AMONG NON-ALIGNED STATES WILL
CONTINUE TO BE A COUNTER-FORCE TO THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS
TO PLACE MULTILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MALI IN THE CONTEXT
OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. BASIC DIFFERENCES. OUR FUTURE RELATIONS WITH MALI
WILL ALSO REFLECT THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES: THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT
VIOLENCE IS NECESSARY TO PROMOTE MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA; THE U.S. POLICY OF PROMOTING PEACEFUL CHANGE.
RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE TOMORROW'S
PROBLEMS AND THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MALI
WILL BE SHARPENED.
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